

The Club's philanthropic programs in the late 1950's were the installation of lights on the High School athletic field and organizing the Fall Festival with the profits going to the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

In the 1960's the Club turned its attention toward a community center which became a reality in 1979 with John Owens turning the first spade of soil representing the King George Ruritans.

The Club's main fundraiser in the 1970's was hauling manure from Hopyard Farm with the primary benefactor being the first community service group supporting the establishment of the King George Rescue Squad telemetry system. The Club also donated flag poles to the American Legion and King George Fire House, followed by the creation of a memorial scholarship in honor of J. Grafton McGinniss.

The Club's support for the Boy Scouts began with the Charter in 1938. In 1954 the Club chartered Boy Scout Troop 191, which by the 1980s had grown to include the Cubs, Webelos and Explorer Scouts, which the Club still charts.

In the late 1980s, the Club relied on its Chicken Barbeque as its primary fundraiser in addition to other food service activities. In 1989 the Club started the Rudy Ruritan Bear Program with 10 bears given to the Sheriff's Department and 10 to the Rescue Squad and this program still continues.

The King George Ruritan Club reached several significant milestones in the last decade. In 1999 the Club added its first female member who joined to carry on her husband's work and by 2000 there were a total of 6 women in the Club. The first female President was elected in 2003. In 2004, King George Ruritan Club had its first Tom Downing Fellow recipient, Aubrey Mitchell. In 2008, the Club had its first District Governor, Roy Maloy.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commemorating the King George Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and its record of service to the community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of the House amendments to Senate amendments to H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Name of Requesting Member: GRESHAM BARRETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account Number: 050 Field Medical Equipment.

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is North American Rescue Products, located at 481 Garlington Road, Suite A, Greenville, South Carolina 29615.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$3.2 mil-

lion of funding for Combat Casualty Care Equipment Upgrade. The funding would be used for developing equipment for navy surface ships to improve field medical equipment to meet the stringent requirements of today's counter-insurgency combat operations and littoral warfare. The state-of-the-art lifesaving medical capabilities of this program will equip navy Medical Corpsman and USMC tactical units such items as lightweight NATO compatible litters, vehicle on-board lifesaving kits, individual combat lifesaving kits, and high threat extraction kits. This program benefits U.S. military personnel through unique lifesaving and trauma-mitigating field medical equipment. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE DEBORAH PRYCE ON THE OCCA- SION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of Congresswoman DEBORAH PRYCE for her service to the people of Ohio and the United States House of Representatives. Congresswoman PRYCE has represented the 15th Congressional District of the State of Ohio for 16 years.

DEBORAH was elected to Congress in 1993 after serving as a Franklin County Municipal Court Judge and city prosecutor. She quickly made history as she rose to leadership positions in the House. Her election to House Republican conference chairman, the number four position in leadership, made DEBORAH the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in the House Republican leadership. She also served as conference vice-chair in 2000 and was elected president of her freshman class. DEBORAH has also served as a deputy whip since 1996.

A hallmark of DEBORAH'S term in office has been her support for children and families. She has worked tirelessly to make adoption more affordable and has been a leader in reforming the welfare system.

DEBORAH has also endured unimaginable loss. In 1999, her nine year old daughter, Caroline, died of cancer. In the wake of her daughter's death, she and her ex-husband founded Hope Street Kids, a program to support cancer research.

In the 109th Congress, DEBORAH introduced legislation to provide grants to promote pain management and end-of-life care for children with life threatening conditions. She is also the co-founder of the House Cancer Caucus.

DEBORAH'S tireless work on behalf of children living with cancer has not gone unnoticed. In 2006, she was the recipient of the American Cancer Society's highest honor, the Distinguished Advocacy Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know her family, her daughter, Mia, and her many friends and colleagues join me in praising her accomplishments and extending thanks for her service over the years on behalf of the State of Ohio and the United States of America.

DEBORAH will surely enjoy the well-deserved time she now has to spend with her family and loved ones. I wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

ALEX J. LUKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Luke, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Alex has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Alex is a recipient of Ad Altare Dei Religious Award Warrior in the Tribe of Mic O' Say with his troop. He has held the post of Senior Patrol Leader with the Troop.

Alex's Eagle Scout service project consisted of constructing planter boxes for WheelChair Bound at Living Community Health Care Center in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Luke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account Number: 33 Cbpd 0603384Bp Chemical And Biological Defense Program, Advanced Development,

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Graniteville Specialty Fabrics, located at 511 Leitner Street Graniteville, South Carolina.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$2.4 million of funding for Chemical and Biological Threat Protection Coating. The objective of this program is to develop self-decontaminating chemical and biological fabric with a comfort profile necessary to maintain extended protection during pandemics. This new and advanced material can be deployed either as an individual protective garment, respiratory mask, or protective shelter. The technology